ship of the Foundation and the latter at the cost of the Government. The question of the organisation of a Public Health Department will be taken up on the return of the two candidates after training. In the meantime, the public should whole-heartedly co-operate with the staff engaged in the new activities. I am sure that I may on your behalf promise such co-operation and I take this opportunity of publicly thanking the Foundation and its local representative for their good offices in this matter.

Education.

28. Steady progress was maintained during the year in education. The total strength in English schools rose by 4·5 per cent. and that in the vernacular schools by 5 per cent. The University Inspection Committee visited Travancore during the year. The full report of their inspection has just been issued. The Women's College was affiliated for the B. A. Degree course in Mathematics, and the Junior B. A. class in that branch was opend from the begining of the current academic year. The College has also been affiliated for the Intermediate course in Indian Music and a lady graduate is now under training in the Annamalai University for appointment as Lecturer in that subject. Two European ladies, with English University qualifications, were appointed to the College, Miss Grose as Principal and Professor of English and Miss Ouwerkirk as Professor of History. Two graduates were selected and sent for training in the Y. M. C. A. School of Physical Culture at Madras with a view to their being eventually appointed as Physical Instructors in the Colleges of Arts and Science.

Revision of Pay of Vernacular School Teachers.

29. In 1104 the Government sanctioned a revision of the pay of the teachers in vernacular schools. The revision is based on the recommendations of a committee appointed in 1926 in pursuance of a resolution of the Legislative Council. A special staff is engaged in working out the details of the revision which is to be given effect to retrospectively from the 1st Chingom 1104. The principles underlying the revision of pay may be briefly stated. The higher rates of pay given to women teachers from 1912 have been discontinued, as there is at present no lack of qualified women candidates, the higher salaries now held by them being, however, secured to them by means of personal scales. Time-scales of pay have been introduced in respect of most appointments. A uniform scale of Rs. 15-1/2-18 is adopted for the lowest grade teachers, and heads of institutions are to be given somewhat higher scales. The emoluments of teachers of special subjects, *viz.*, Munshies, Bhagavatars, Sewing mistresses, Drill masters and Drawing instructors, have been raised and standardised. The revision benefits the teachers of Middle Schools as well. Side by side with the increases granted to the teachers employed in departmental schools, the rates of grant for those in private schools have also been enhanced. This general increase of salaries will, it is hoped, not only conduce to greater contentment but also tend to promote efficiency.

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